

Manistee and Manistee County's Cable Commission (P.E.G.) meeting of September 27, 1994.

On September 27, 1994, the first meeting of the P.E.G. Board of Commissions met at the City Hall Building, 70 Maple Street, Manistee at 7 p.m. Attending were the five members of the board, Tom Kaminski, William Shales, Deb Terrell, Angela Morin, and Nancy LeMire. Also attending were Bruce Gockerman, Mark Carlson, Rob Nowak, Cliff Edward Selkoe, Tex Collins, and Lenda Keeler.

The first order of business was to appoint a chairman and a secretary. Mr. Kaminski nominated Ms. Terrell and it was seconded by Mrs. LeMire - the motion was carried. Mr. Kaminski nominated Mrs. LeMire for secretary, it was seconded by Ms. Terrell.

Everyone had received a copy of Ordinance No. 94-3. It was stated by Mr. Shales that "We the board need to have and review the law that brought this ordinance about." Meaning the FCC Regulations.

Mr. Kaminski asked if Mr. Nowak could explain somewhat, what transpired when the County Through Cooperative Extensions installed a satellite dish - and what the public excess station was about, in order to find out what option there might be. He explained that the franchise to the City must provide Channel 2, but not the equipment or how they get it to that location. According to Mr. Nowak of C-Tec Cable stated that they had authorized an area at the head-end for the use by Infoprod, but they do not have to allow anyone else access to their property owned by C-Tec. And that it is up to the City to get the programming to the C-Tec facilities. Mr. Shales pointed out that the FCC Law requires that it will be made available to the public. A lengthy discussion followed.

The discussion ended with the understanding that this commission being in its infancy stage must have more information before any steps of changes can be made. A request from the commission was made to receive copies of all contracts, franchise agreements, and FCC regulations to be supplied to the commission by Mr. Oleniczak.

The next meeting of the Manistee and Manistee County Cable Commission will meet October 12, 1994 at 7 p.m. in the City of Manistee Council Room, and any material received, thus far can be reviewed.

At 8:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Terrell.

NOTE...This session was videotapped by Tex Collins.